

## School Board Acts to Speed Construction

Transfers Control of Work  
From Plant Operation to  
Building Superintendent  
to Centralize Authority

## Lusk Law Is Assailed

Teachers' Union Appeals for  
Investigation Looking to  
the Repeal of Test Act

The Board of Education decided yesterday to place the supervision and direction of all building construction in the hands of the Superintendent of School Buildings. Previously the Superintendent of Plant Operation has had charge of some of the interior work in centralizing the authority the board hopes to expedite work.

A resolution was adopted asking the permission of the Board of Aldermen to spend \$5,000 for an automobile for members of the board without public bidding. A request was received from the Teachers' Union for an investigation of the Lusk act by the Board of Superintendents with a view to its repeal.

A special committee was appointed to try to arrange for the retention of the new visiting teachers, no provision for whom has been made in the 1922 budget.

A recommendation by the Board of Superintendents that six floors of the new building at Dufray Street and Flushing Avenue Extension, Brooklyn, be assigned to the technical class of the Manual Training High School, was adopted.

## Wendt Sane, Alienist Says

Doctor Admits Millionaire Is  
Heavy Drinker

BUFFALO, Dec. 14.—Three physicians to-day testified that William F. Wendt, millionaire manufacturer of Buffalo and Los Angeles, was capable of handling his own affairs. His eccentricities, they declared, did not indicate insanity. Wendt's wife and daughter are asking the court to declare him incompetent.

Dr. Edwin A. Bowerman, an alienist, testified that Wendt always carried in his pockets bonds and cash amounting to several hundred thousand dollars. In answer to a question by the petitioner's lawyers, Dr. Bowerman said Mr. Wendt drank an average of three pints of whisky a day and one quart at night. Dr. Bowerman said Wendt was sane. The case will go to the jury tomorrow.

## Woman Attacked by Patient

Superintendent of Workhouse  
Identifies Inmate as Assailant

Mrs. Mary Lilly, superintendent of the women's workhouse on Blackwell's Island, was attacked and slashed Tuesday night by a young negro, who wielded a razor. It was learned yesterday. The attack took place at 7:45 o'clock in a lonely and dimly lighted spot on the island near the Eighty-sixth Street boat landing. James Galloway, a seventeen-year-old negro youth, was arrested. Mrs. Lilly identified the negro, who confessed the crime, the police say. He said he did not know why he had attacked Mrs. Lilly, as she was one of the kindest women he ever knew. Galloway has no criminal record. He has been on the island since January 21, 1921, as a tubercular patient. He was under little restraint.

## Mrs. May J. Leeds Sues Husband and His Mother

Action for \$250,000 Damages  
Over Alleged Wrongful Confinement in Sanatorium

Mrs. May J. Leeds, whose husband, William S. Leeds, a broker, recently brought an unsuccessful suit to annul their marriage, filed an action in the Supreme Court yesterday against her husband and his mother, Mrs. Anna S. Leeds, for \$250,000 for the plaintiff's alleged wrongful confinement in a sanatorium in Englewood, N. J. Mr. Leeds is a son of the late William Bateman Leeds, who was a well known lawyer. He is also related to the late William B. Leeds, the "tin plate king." His suit for annulment was on the ground that when he married Mrs. Leeds she had not yet been divorced from a husband she had at that time. The court decided against Mr. Leeds.

Mrs. Leeds alleges in her damage action that she spent three months in the sanatorium, beginning in December, 1919. She charges that her husband and her mother-in-law caused her to be kept there so that she might be disgraced and humiliated and to separate her from her child, whom the defendant Mrs. Leeds took to her own home against the wishes of the plaintiff. Mrs. Leeds says that her demands to be released were ignored until she threatened to bring legal proceedings.

## Playfellow Wore 'Windsucking' Bit, Trainer Testifies

Kept On as Precaution  
3 Weeks Before Sinclair  
Bought Horse, Witness  
in \$100,000 Suit Admits

George Pappen, foreman and assistant trainer of the Quincey Stables, testifying in the trial of the \$100,000 suit of Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate, against James F. Johnson, Brooklyn turfman, to recover the purchase price of Playfellow, brother of Man o' War, admitted yesterday that Playfellow wore a bit to prevent "windsucking" for three weeks before he was sold by Johnson.

Under questioning of counsel for Mr. Johnson, after identifying a bit, Pappen said: "Two days before Playfellow was sold I told Brennan, foreman of the Sinclair Stable, that one of the men in our stable had seen Playfellow act in a manner that led him to believe he might be inclined to be a 'windsucker.' So he used a bit on him merely as a precautionary measure."

"I know a cribber," the witness added, "when I see one, but I never saw Playfellow do it."

Pappen then testified that the bit had been used on Playfellow for about three weeks before the sale. In explaining Playfellow's eating habits, Pappen said: "He was a glutton. He ate an unusual amount. He would even eat his bedding if allowed."

Under cross-examination, Pappen admitted that the bit which was shown was kept on Playfellow at the orders of the head trainer.

"It was kept on at all times except meal times, wasn't it?"

"Yes."

"But you took it off when Brennan came to get him after he had been sold to Mr. Sinclair, didn't you?"

"Brennan, Pappen replied, "came after Playfellow around noon. The horse was always fed at 11 o'clock. The bit was always taken off when he was fed. Playfellow had just finished eating when Brennan came."

## Weeks Threatens To Tear Out Pier Heads at Chelsea

Secretary of War Informs  
Mayor That Unless New  
Wharves Are Started Ex-  
tensions Will Be Razed

The ultimatum received yesterday from Secretary of War Weeks by Mayor Hylan that if the city did not take immediate steps to begin the construction of piers at Forty-fourth Street and Hudson River the War Department would order the removal of the temporary pier heads on the Chelsea docks will be considered at the meeting of the Sinking Fund Commission to-day. The question of the removal of the Chelsea pier heads has been the subject of a controversy between city authorities and the War Department.

The Chelsea pier extensions were built as a war measure and the city objected to removing them. The War Department had been willing to let the extensions remain until proposed piers at Forty-fourth Street were completed.

"The New York State authorities have been resisting the removal of these pier heads long enough," Secretary Weeks said yesterday in his ultimatum, "and it is about time that a show-down was had on the question. Unless the New York City government takes steps to start the construction of the piers further up the river at once I will order the removal of the temporary pier heads."

"The War Department has ruled repeatedly against making the temporary pier heads permanent and has directed that the work of removing the extensions be no longer delayed. I have decided that unless the New York authorities take immediate steps to show their good faith by beginning construction on the piers at Forty-fourth Street I will direct the army engineers to remove the pier heads, which have long been an obstruction to navigation."

The matter was before the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at their meeting last week. Dock Commissioner Hubert warned the commissioners that unless the pier extensions were removed the War Department would do the work itself.

"Oh, well, let them come and take them down themselves," Mayor Hylan said at the time.

## Hawley Left Thousands As Esteem for Kindness

Couple Who Gave Home to Ex-  
Congressman Remembered as  
Friends "in My Loneliness"

The will of Robert B. Hawley, former Congressman from Texas and president of the Cuban American Sugar Company, filed in the Surrogate's Court yesterday, provides liberally for three friends, "in token of my respect and affection and appreciation of their kindness in giving me a home and otherwise befriending me in my loneliness in a great city."

The beneficiaries referred to in this paragraph of the will are Arthur G. Learned and his wife, Mrs. Lella Sprague Learned, of 36 Gramercy Park, where Mr. Hawley died on November 28, who received \$100,000, and their son, Bruce Learned, godson of the testator, who receives \$10,000 in the will. Besides this provision in the will for Bruce Learned, Mr. Hawley, in a codicil executed by him, created a trust fund consisting of 1,000 shares of Central Aguirre Sugar Company stock valued

at \$120,000, from which the income is to be paid to Bruce Learned until he is twenty-one, when the young man is to receive the principal of the fund. Mr. Hawley bequeathed \$25,000 each to the Salvation Army and the Young Women's Christian Association, of Galveston, Tex., as a memorial to his daughter, Sue Hawley. A trust fund of \$112,000 is set aside from which a brother and a sister, who receive \$5,000 each outright, and three friends are to have the income for life.

## Cohen Asks for Freedom; State Supports Request

Chief Witness Convicted of Per-  
jury; Prosecutor Would  
Dismiss Indictment

Counsel for Joseph Cohen, who was granted a new trial on an indictment charging him with the killing of Barnett Baif, and recently released from Sing Sing Prison on bail, applied to the Supreme Court yesterday for a dismissal of the indictment.

Attorney General Newton has written to Justice Gavegan, who granted the new trial, that in case Cohen is again brought to the bar the state will be obliged to recommend dismissal of the indictment on the ground that Joseph Sorro, the chief corroborating witness for the state, has been convicted of perjury in the case.

Cohen in his petition to the court, which will be argued next Tuesday, said: "I have been within the shadow of death and have been confined in state's prison for a period of over four years, two of which I spent in the death house, awaiting execution following a conviction which was based on perjured evidence. I have suffered as very few men suffer. I have been deprived of four valuable years of my life. There is at present hanging over my head this indictment under which it now appears, I will never be retried and which stands as an accusation of a crime of which I am absolutely innocent."

## 50 Sisters of Mercy Escape As Ursuline Novitia Burns

BEACON, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Fifty Sisters of Mercy at the Ursuline Novitia at Van Wyck Lake, four miles from here, escaped by beginning their clothing when the large frame building was burned early to-night. Several sisters who were in the second story had considerable difficulty in reaching a place of safety. The building was destroyed before the firemen arrived. The loss is estimated at \$60,000. All of the sisters were taken to the estate of Henry Morgenstern jr. and given shelter for the night.

## \$20,000,000 Russian Relief Urged in House

Appropriation for Purchase of  
Grain and Foodstuffs Fa-  
vorably Reported

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—An appropriation of \$20,000,000 would be available for the purchase of grain and other food products for distribution in the famine districts of Russia under a bill favorably reported to-day by the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

An appropriation of \$20,000,000, it is estimated, would provide twice the amount of food which President Harding in his recent message to Congress recommended should be purchased for the relief of starving Russians. Approval of the increase followed the appearance yesterday at a hearing of Secretary Hoover, who, as head of the American relief administration, urged that the \$10,000,000 carried in the bill introduced by Chairman Fordney of the Ways and Means Committee be doubled to permit purchase of 20,000,000 bushels of corn and 2,000,000 bushels of seed grain.

Chairman Fordney of the Foreign Affairs Committee announced that he would attempt to obtain immediate consideration of the measure in the House. President Harding was understood to have given his approval to the bill at a conference with Chairman Fordney. Mr. Fordney said it was his understanding that no direct appropriation would be necessary, as the Grain Corporation would finance the grain exportation.

## Labor to Seek Repeal Of Censorship of Films

State Federation Also to Attack  
Anti-Sedition Law and the  
Rockefeller Foundation

ALBANY, Dec. 14.—The executive council of the State Federation of Labor adopted a resolution here to-day to seek the repeal of the motion picture censorship law at the next session of the Legislature. The federation charges that it is a menace to the people's liberties. It will also fight the Lusk anti-sedition and Rockefeller Foundation laws, as well as the statute restoring state nominating conventions. Measures that will be advocated before the Legislature include: Requiring that all insurance under the workmen's compensation law be confined to the state fund and self-in-

suring employers; liberalizing payments to injured workers, including all hazardous employments under the occupational disease section of the workmen's compensation law; making employers responsible for sub-contractors who fail to insure their employees; restoring the 225 inspectors of the Labor Department, who were cut down to sixty-six this year; giving the Industrial Board power to appoint compensation court referees and requiring payment for disability in addition to the fixed award for injuries. The federation will renew its fight for an eight-hour day for women and children, a minimum wage commission, free textbooks for school children and health community centers. It has requested New York City to make permanent its Municipal Labor Bureau, as it has helped largely in procuring employment for many idle workers.

## White Plains Mayor To Be District Attorney Also

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Owing to the resignation of Lee Parsons Davis as District Attorney, Mayor-elect Frederick E. Weeks, of White Plains, was yesterday endorsed by the Westchester Republican County Committee for the place. The nomination will at once be forwarded to Governor Miller, who will make the appointment January 1.

Mr. Weeks will hold both offices, as there is nothing in the city charter to prevent his doing so. He was elected Mayor on the Republican ticket in November, having a majority of 2,940 over his Democratic opponent. It was also announced that on the committee's recommendation City Judge William F. Blakeley, of Yonkers, will be named County Judge of Westchester County, to succeed Frank L. Young, who will go to the Supreme Bench on New Year's Day.


## Fear Felt for Safety of Missing Husband's Wife

EAST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 14.—Chief of Police William H. O'Neill announced yesterday that he had started hunting for Mrs. Minnie B. Howard, of 88 North Twenty-second Street, whose husband has been missing more than two years. He made public a letter he had received from her.

"Being tired of the lonely, anxious

waiting and unable to endure it any longer," Mrs. Howard wrote, "I am going—where? God knows!" "I am placing my home in your hands. Allow no one to enter my place or take out a thing. Collect rent until my return, if I ever do. I don't know if I will, for God knows the lonely hours of suffering within these four walls. You befriended me when others left me cruelly alone."

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